

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Director**



PUBLIC NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (1 Grant)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) coordinates and provides a range of services that collectively create the enabling conditions for economic and socially challenged residents of the District of Columbia to enhance their quality of life and achieve greater degrees of self-sufficiency. Specifically, DHS provides social services, assessment, case management, and crisis intervention services to vulnerable populations; and is responsible for the implementation and oversight of homeless services in the District.

In an effort to provide assistance to those struggling due to the current economic downturn, the United States Congress passed, and President Barack Obama signed into law, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The purpose of the ARRA is to assist those who are struggling due to the economic downturn and stimulate the economy. Through the ARRA, the District of Columbia has been allocated categorical funds in the amount of approximately 7.5 million dollars for a Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). These funds will be utilized to prevent homelessness for those at-risk and re-house those that become homeless. Under this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), DHS is seeking organizations with demonstrated experience in providing housing counseling and housing location assistance.

DHS expects to award one (1) grant under this NOFA. The total budget for services provided through this NOFA is \$80,000. All funds provided under this NOFA must be spent by July 21, 2012, and 60% of all funds must be spent by July 21, 2011.

Starting Tuesday, October 6, 2009, applications can be obtained from the District Grants Clearinghouse (<http://www.opgs.dc.gov>). Also, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, applications may be obtained from Mr. Darrell Cason, Policy and Research Analyst, or the receptionist at 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 6th floor. Please call (202) 671-4389 or (202) 671-4200.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the Department of Human Services Headquarters located at 64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor, Director's Conference Room. You may reserve your seat by telephoning Darrell Cason at (202) 671-4389 or e-mail him at darrell.cason@dc.gov. **It is strongly recommended that applying organizations attend the pre-application conference.**

The deadline for application submission is Monday, October 26, 2009, by 4:00 pm